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ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN FINDS DAY TO DAY CHALLENGES IN THE NAVY REWARDING

Story by J01(SW) Robert W. Garnand

"Heritage and Horizons: The African American Legacy for the Challenges of the 21st Century" is this year's theme for African American Heritage month.

Meeting challenges and reaching for new horizons is something people do everyday. One such person is Electronics Technician First Class Terrence F. Parks, a Sailor onboard USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6).

Parks, a native of Concord, N.C., said, "The way I see it, everyday in the Navy is a challenge. There's always changing commitments and deadlines. It's a challenge to stay on top of these changes."

As the Exterior Communications Group Supervisor, Parks supervises technicians who maintain communi-

cations gear. If there's a problem with the ship's communications with another ship, aircraft or land, Parks said it's a challenge to "find the right answers."

Also, as a supervisor, Parks said, "It's a challenge taking care of business day in and day out."

"These challenges are also what provide me inspiration," he added.

Although challenges inspire Parks, he looks to others for inspiration in order to take on these challenges.

"Mary, my wife, and my four-year-old daughter, Danielle Temiria, inspire me because I want to make sure that I provide them with the best future I can," he said. "Financially and emotionally.



ET1(SW/AW) Terrence Parks signs a danger tag on a SATCOM Transceiver that ET2 Stephen Smith will be performing maintenance on. (Photo by PH3 Daniel Jones.)

BUSH BEATS MCCAIN IN SOUTH CAROLINA PRIMARY

By Ron Fournier

George W. Bush defeated Sen. John McCain in South Carolina's Republican presidential primary Saturday. McCain was pugnacious in defeat, declaring, "We have just begun to fight."

"I'm relieved," said Bush, who was rocked by a landslide defeat in New Hampshire's leadoff primary three weeks ago. "Relieved is not the right word. I'm excited and energized."

Forced to regroup, McCain both congratulated Bush for his victory and criticized the negativity of his campaign. "I cannot wait for the next round," he said, saying he would offer "a choice between a record of reform and an empty slogan of reform."

With a third of the vote counted, Bush had 74,083 votes, or 53 percent to McCain's 58,787, 42 percent. Alan Keyes ran a faraway third at 5 percent.

Bush's victory earned him the state's 19 at-large delegates with 18 others to be allocated according to the winner of each congressional district. He now has 46 of the 1,034 delegates needed to win the Republi-

can nomination with McCain at 11.

The Arizona senator will have to recover quickly. On Tuesday, Republicans will select delegates in Michigan and his home state of Arizona, and then in three other states a week later. On March 7, 13 states conduct GOP contests that could settle the nomination.

Michigan may be a must-win state for McCain, and a pre-South Carolina poll by the Detroit Free Press showed the candidates locked in a tight race. Independents and conservative Democrats in suburban Detroit will be prime McCain targets.

"I congratulate Governor Bush on his victory here and wish him a happy celebration and a good night's rest," McCain said in pugnacious remarks to supporters. "He's going to need it my friends for we have just begun to fight and I cannot wait for the next round. I'm going to fight with every ounce of strength that I have, but I'm going to keep fighting clean."

* MONDAY'S SITE TV SCHEDULE *

CHANNEL 2

1100 HEAVY

1630 LETTERMAN

1730 JEOPARDY

1800 AFN SPECIAL: "FLY GIRLS"

1900 THE PRACTICE

2000 PHEONIX

2200 BOOGIE NIGHTS

CHANNEL 6

1100 THE BREAKFAST CLUB

1630 BARB WIRE

1800 INDIANA JONES & THE

TEMPLE OF DOOM

2000 NITTING HILL

2200 SERGEANT YORK

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N ATIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CARJACKER CAUGHT THANKS TO FAST THINKING VICTIM

By Associated Press

Police in Northern Virginia say a carjack victim's quick thinking, and her cell phone, probably saved her life. The 24-year-old woman was forced into the trunk of her car Thursday night, then taken on a terrifying 45-minute ride. But she'd grabbed her cell phone as the ordeal began, and she used it to call police and help them locate the car.

The woman's nightmare ended when the carjacker, fleeing police at speeds exceeding 100 miles-per-hour, sideswiped two police cruisers, then spun out of control and hit a tractor-trailer. The woman sustained only a bump on the head. A 19-year-old suspect is in custody, charged with carjacking, armed robbery and other crimes.

ENDEAVOUR SAVES ENOUGH FUEL TO ADD NINE HOURS TO FLIGHT

By Associated Press

It looks like fuel-saving efforts aboard space shuttle "Endeavour" have really paid off.

"Endeavour's" astronauts were supposed to retract their 197-foot radar antenna mast Sunday night, but NASA says it'll leave the mast out until Monday morning to collect more data.

There is a catch. By adding the extra hours, NASA gives up any chance for astronauts to go out and crank in the mast if it jams because there won't be enough time for a spacewalk. A NASA spokesman says it's a gamble worth taking.

IRANIANS FLOOD TO POLLS

By Susan Sachs

Clutching palm cards from their favorite political parties and hand-drawn lists of candidates for their national Parliament, so many Iranians streamed to the polls Friday that officials were forced to extend the voting time by two hours. People were still waiting in line to vote outside of mosques and schools in Tehran when the polls closed at 9 p.m.

LOOK OUT! LETTERMAN'S BACK

By Associated Press

He's back. Late night TV host David Letterman has returned to work, but most of his fans will have to wait 72 hours to see his first post-op performance.

Letterman gave the audience white t-shirts with a red scar running down the chest and the date of his surgery on the sleeve. He underwent an emergency quintuple bypass operation on January 14th.

APPROVED INFANT VACCINE

By Associated Press

A vaccine to protect infants and toddlers from life-threatening meningitis and blood poisoning caused by pneumococcal bacteria has won government approval. The vaccine called Pre-vnar prevents invasive pneumococcal infections. A different pneumococcal vaccine for adults has been available for years. But, children under 5 suffer some 16,000 pneumococcal blood infections and 1,400 pneumococcal meningitis cases every year, and until now there has been no way to prevent them the Food and Drug Administration said.

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"I also draw energy and inspiration from positive people" said Parks. "Their energy seems to rub off. Negative people always complain so I try to avoid them."

In addition to meeting challenges at work, Parks looks back at what he's done and towards the horizons he's heading to.

"I like what the Navy has offered me," he said. "Travel, opportunities to grow and develop personally, and experiencing new cultures and new places. There's more to the Navy than what I enlisted for."

Parks went on to say, "The Navy has also offered me technical education for the job I do and an opportunity to continue working on my degree. I'm working on getting an associates degree in Electronics Technology and later, a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with emphasis in Management.

"After I leave the Navy," Parks said, "I want to own my own business. A used car lot. I want to have 15 to 20 luxury automobiles. I want that," he continued, "because I've worked at that before. I love cars and it's something I enjoy. I want to earn an income off of something that I enjoy doing."

As Parks continues to meet new challenges and reach for new horizons, he offers this advice: "African Americans should never be afraid to reach for their dreams and they should never become frustrated if it takes longer than expected. The 21st Century is an opportunity not only for African-Americans but for all people to reach new horizons."

MARKET REPORT**FEAR OF RAISED RATES SEND STOCKS PLUNGING**

By Jonathan Fuerbringer

The leading stock indexes plunged about 3 percent Friday, and technology issues finished much lower as investors focused on the stark prospect of rising short-term interest rates. It is a future that Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan promised in congressional testimony. "He basically said that I am going to tighten until the stock market goes down," said Thomas Connor, head government trader at J.P. Morgan Securities, referring to Greenspan.

While investors were selling stocks Friday, many were buying Treasury bonds and notes, sending bond prices higher and interest rates lower, despite the threat of higher rates to come from the Fed. The decline in stocks was across the board, with technology stocks joining the sell-off. Until now, technology stocks have appeared immune to the bad news that pummeled other stocks this year.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell almost 47 points in the wake of Greenspan's testimony, but the technology-heavy NASDAQ index rose 121.27 to another record high. The next day, the Dow fell 295.05 points to 10,219.52, while the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index dropped 42.17 points to 1,346.09. The NASDAQ plunged 137.18 points to 4,411.74. The Dow is now down 11.1 percent for the year, while the S&P is off 8.4 percent.

NEWS CONTINUED

NEW LAW PLACES DATE RAPE DRUG INTO NEW CATEGORY

By Associated Press

Under a new law, a person convicted of making, distributing or possessing the so-called date-rape drug could be sentenced to federal prison for up to 20 years.

President Clinton has signed a bill that places GHB in a category of drugs that are the most strictly regulated by the Controlled Substances Act.

The Drug Enforcement Administration says GHB has been linked to at least 58 deaths since 1990 and more than 57-hundred recorded overdoses.

A few drops of the colorless, odorless drug are usually slipped into a drink. A victim who drinks it can lose consciousness within 20 minutes and often have no memory of what happened. The drug is difficult to trace, often leaving the body within 24 hours.

DEATH PENALTY REQUESTED FOR FURROW IN MURDER CASE

By New York Times

Federal prosecutors filed court papers Friday saying they would seek the death penalty against Buford O. Furrow, Jr., the white supremacist accused of shooting five people in a day-care center last year and killing a mail carrier. Their motion was filed under seal, apparently because it includes material about Furrow's mental health, an issue that may figure in his defense.

GOVERNMENT STUDY TO CON- TINUE FOR KINDERGARTNERS

By Associated Press

The majority of children enter kindergarten with the proper building blocks for successful learning. But the chances of being well-prepared for school diminish for children who are poor, non-English speaking or living in homes with single or poorly educated parents, say Education Department researchers in a first-ever report card on the nation's youngest students. In releasing the "America's Kindergartners" study, the department said it planned to continue tracking for six years the national sample of 22,000 children used for the initial report.

Department researchers said the longer-term study would shed light on how to help children who are lagging. Education Secretary Richard Riley said there are also ways to start helping such youngsters now. "The better the start, the stronger the finish," Riley said. The start is strong for most of the nation's little ones, nearly all 94 percent can count to 10; two in three know their ABC's. The news isn't as good for disadvantaged children.

HUSSEIN MAKING OILY GAINS

By Ronald G. Shafer

With the easing of the United Nations' limits on Iraqi oil sales, Saddam Hussein is on his way to earning more from oil exports this year than he has in any year except 1980, according to Mideast analyst Patrick Clawson. The U.N. still controls what Iraq can buy with its on-the-books earnings, which are projected to be about \$20 billion this year.

SPORTS

NO AMERICANS IN AMERICA'S CUP

By Associated Press

The first race of the best-of-nine America's Cup final between New Zealand's Black Magic and Italy's Luna Rossa was postponed for lack of wind. They'll try again Sunday off the coast of New Zealand. The forecast was for eight to ten knots of wind but the breeze was just two knots at race time and never got more than four knots. It's the first time in 149 years an American yacht isn't in the America's Cup finals.

BRAVES WILLING TO FORGIVE ROCKER FOR STATEMENTS

By Associated Press

The Atlanta Braves could not escape the shadow of John Roker at the opening of training camp Friday. Still, they seemed willing to forgive the suspended reliever. "Who am I to judge John Roker?" said Brian Jordan, who was one of the pitcher's harshest critics. "I hope he will take this experience, learn from it and become a better man." Roker, who saved 38 games for the National League champions last season, has been barred until May 1 for his derisive comments about gays, foreigners and members of minority groups. The ban has been appealed. His eventual return could cause a rift in one of baseball's most harmonious clubhouses.

NHL SCORES

Colorado	4	NY Rangers	2
LA Kings	3	Detroit	2
St. Louis	2	Nashville	1
Phoenix	4	Dallas	3
Washington	5	Chicago	4
Calgary	4	Edmonton	2
San Jose	4	Anaheim	4

19 HURT IN DAYTONA CRASH

By Charlie Nobles

Geoffrey Bodine's presence in the hospital, lucky to have only several broken bones, serves as perhaps the most compelling reason why the Daytona 500 should continue its restrictions on speed. This 50-year-old from upstate New York somehow survived a crash at Daytona that injured 10 drivers and nine spectators and sheered 50 yards of fencing from its foundation.

It was the worst multi-vehicle accident at Daytona since 1987, which led to the introduction of restrictor plate racing, which keeps the cars from approaching the 200 mph level they might otherwise approach. Kurt Busch dropped his Ford low, nipping Rob Morgan's Ford in the process. That set in motion a chain of events that involved 13 trucks.

CREMINS TO RETIRE AS COACH

By Associated Press

Bobby Cremins, the white-haired coach who took Georgia Tech's woeful program to national prominence before watching it fall into mediocrity the last four years, announced Friday he will retire at the end of the season. Cremins, 52, has been at Tech since 1981.

NBA SCORES

Philadelphia	104	Cleveland	75
Denver	95	Toronto	91
Charlotte	115	LA Clippers	87
New Jersey	91	Miami	84
Minnesota	103	Vancouver	91
LA Lakers	107	Orlando	99
San Antonio	116	Houston	92
Phoenix	85	Atlanta	73
Portland	93	Washington	85
Golden State	122	Boston	100
Sacramento	118	Seattle	85